

**Executive Committee Meeting  
September 21' 2015  
Americinn- New London, WI  
Call To Order: 6:36pm**

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In Attendance:

Gary VanderWyst	District V Rep
Ray D. Perry	Foresters Fund
Ron Schneider	Mid-Wis Chapter Rep
Randy Cooper	SE Chapter Chair
Jeff Kante	SE Chapter Observer
Mark Heyde	SW Chapter Chair
Valerie Johnson	State Treasurer
Logan Wells	UW-Madison Chair
Brian Spencer	Forestry Ed/Training
John Kotar	Immediate Past Chair
Anthony Rynish	FRV Chapter Chair
Julie Peltier	State Chair Elect
Tom Hittle	Chair 2014/2015
Tom Albrecht	Forestry Hall of Fame

Anti-trust statement was discussed, roll call and introductions.

Agenda Repair/Additions:

- Information on the young forest partnership during agenda/training.

June 15, 2015 Minutes Review:

- Fox River Valley Chapter correction- statewide meeting and obtaining accreditation at Fox Valley Tech College was discussed. VanderWyst motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> Perry

Chair Report: Tom Hittle

- Cutting notices signed by SAF Certified Forester meets requirements
- Strategic plan will be continued to be updated- volunteers needed for help (2016-2020)
  - January 2016 meeting is the goal for the draft
- 2 candidates for chair elect- Jeff Kante and Kate Lenz
  - Election will be in mid-October

Treasurers Report: Julie/Val (mostly all Julie though)

- Updates in report: motion by VanderWyst, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Heyde
  - Reimbursement- Forestry HOF Foundation (1<sup>st</sup> page): was \$586 now \$330
  - Totals (1<sup>st</sup> page): was \$8,298.72 now \$8,042.72
  - Hall of fame- Vanguard (3<sup>rd</sup> page): was \$11,195.51 now \$10,866.22
  - Total (3<sup>rd</sup> page): was \$96,033.59 now \$95,704.30
- SAF credit card through US Bank is for the website
- Checking account from 1<sup>st</sup> National Park Falls will be staying at that location- US Bank wants articles of incorporation
- Can't drop account lower than \$2,500 or there is a fee

- Gary suggested to wait until National gets their accounts figured out

#### SAF District V Rep: Gary VanderWyst

- 2 sets of District V reports June 8th and Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Nominations for presidential forester award and field forester award need to start thinking about NOW!
  - We had 3 Fellows nominations from WI- 1 selected, 1 denied and another asked to resubmit in a couple years
- Submit Logan (UW-Madison) to Nationals for the roster
- No feedback regarding regionalization concept
- Keep schedule of events available to president/chair
- Update roster 2016- go to Patricia
- List of events is updated
  - Board of directors manual
  - Sale of property in Bethesda

#### Council on Forestry: Jim (absent), submitted

- Restructure grievance process
  - Formed committee to steer process
  - Charles Mentzel is our new rep
- WI SAF volunteered to take on summit goal- Jim would like input

## Committee Reports

#### Program Chair: vacant

- Registration for tomorrow starts at 9am
- 2<sup>nd</sup> day, 8am start up and split up for business meeting
- Agenda distributed

#### Communications: Anthony Rynish

- Website is up and running
- Kirsten Held, Tom, Julie, and Ann Lipton phone conferences- website more functional
- \$3-\$4,000 cost
- Should we spend \$1,000 on Anne to keep her on and update the site and train someone new to update the site?- consensus was that original motions allocated up to \$5000, so we have balance left to spend on continued maintenance
  - Content management/adding stuff to the site
  - Kirsten Held and Val possibly? We would like a minimum of 2 people.
- Applied for forester fund grant for website and it was turned down
  - National is working on a new website for themselves and to possibly help other groups struggling with their own
  - We need to keep moving forward on our own website
- Logan suggested that the student chapters could put a link on the website
  - Social media use suggested as well- National encourages it (hootsuite for management)
  - We would like UW-Madison forestry club to make a proposal to WI-SAF about social media use- we will pilot with UW-Madison

- Julie mentioned the \$500 Wausau ad- everyone decided to allocate that money to the website instead

#### Foresters Fund: Ray Perry

- 3 applications
  - Website was turned down
  - Hall of fame (\$900)/Leopold (\$1500) accepted
    - We made some changes on the HOF panels
- Donated a rod/reel to the National Fundraiser at the convention

#### Hall Of Fame- Tom

- Al Barden & Rachel Jordan plaques were presented

#### National Convention: Julie

- 50 per student up to 10 students: should we change that?
- List of students, what they use the \$ for and make a report for the website
- Kotar moves to provide \$100 per student, VanderWyst seconds motion; motion carried
  - Keep it at each student and not cap it
  - Trying to keep involvement high from the students
    - Connect it to social media/website
    - Try to get the convention “trending”
- Booth for WI SAF- we are staffing
  - If you staff, your registration fee is waved
  - People working the booth will wear helmet pins
  - Chamber is giving us stuff to hand out
- 2016 National Conference in Madison Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>
  - No new updates
  - GLTPA should be involved

#### Membership: Will Smith

- 390 WI SAF members (old numbers?)
- 81 lapsed
- Request for what status procedures we are taking to get members involved again (Gary)

#### Policy: vacant

#### Historian: vacant

#### Awards: Gary

- Covered well in previous overview
- If you have someone in mind, start the process and Gary will help

#### Education and Training: Brian

- Young forest partnership
  - Funded but looking for additional funds to help out
  - Should we consider helping out with this?

- Tom H. to look into

NRCS: Laura

- Laura will be stepping down
- John Kotar listened in on her meeting with NRCS and is leaning in the direction to fill this position

Tech/CFE:

- Nothing to report

Chapter Reports

- Chippewa
  - submitted report
- FRV: Anthony
  - GLTPA chapter meeting
  - Oak harvesting guidelines
- Mid-WI: Ron
  - UWSP joint meeting in October
- NE
  - No report
- SE: Randy
  - Tour forest products lab and botanical gardens
  - No meeting yet
  - Laura is on board as 2016 Chair
- SW: Mark
  - Contacted members by email (some retirement/PD changes)
  - Meeting locations
  - Make student connection with Madison
  - SW members will be involved for 2016 national convention
  - Brad Hutnik 2016 chair
  - Proposal to draw at each meeting for years National dues
- UW-Madison: Logan
  - Kemp station meeting with Tom H reviewed
  - Build club community involvement
  - Remodel the student lounge
  - 1<sup>st</sup> annual Field Forestry Fall Festival with 30 people showing up- included internship talks
  - 4 people will be at the state convention on Wednesday
  - Holding an apple butter social with alumni
- UWSP
  - Nothing to report

Next meeting: January 20<sup>th</sup> @ Schmeekle

Meeting adjourned at 9:24pm